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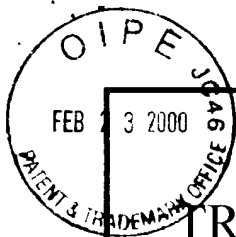
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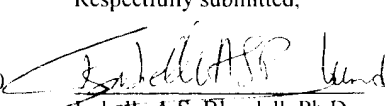
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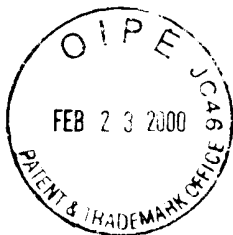
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

In response to a Final Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on November 23, 1999, for the above-referenced application, Applicants submit this Amendment After Final under 37 CFR §1.116. Claims 32-51, 54-62, and 64-74 are pending. Claims 58-62 and 64-71 are allowed; claims 38, 54, and 57 are objected to. Applicants cancel without prejudice claims 32-51, 55, 56, and 72-74. Applicants amend claim 57 to comply with the requirement of form set forth in the Final Office Action. Accordingly, claims 54, 57-62, and 64-71 are pending. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this amendment, with claims 54, 57-61, and 64-71 proceeding to issue. Kindly amend the claims as follows.

In the Claims:

Cancel without prejudice claims ~~32-51~~, ~~55~~, ~~56~~, and ~~72-74~~.

Amend claim 57 as follows.

57. (Amended) [The] ~~An~~ apparatus [of claim 46 further] comprising:

a) a sample introduction zone;

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